

REMARKS

Claims remain 1-17, 19-29 and 49-55 remain in the application. Claims 1 and 19 have been amended. Claims 44-48 have been cancelled. Claims 49-55 have been added.

The applicant believes the claim amendments do not add any new matter. Amendments relating to the overlapping and non-overlapping of windows are shown and described with respect to FIG. 2.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 10-17, 21-23, 25, 25-29, 38-40 and 41-43 under 35 USC 103(a) as being clearly anticipated by Walker et al. (US patent No. 6, 113, 495) in View of Microsoft Windows®.

The Examiner rejected claim 9 under 35 USC 103(a) as being clearly anticipated by Walker et al. (US patent No. 6, 113, 495) in View of Dabrowski (US Patent Number 6, 379, 346). The Applicant respectfully traverses.

The Examiner rejected claim 20 under 35 USC 103(a) as being clearly anticipated by Walker et al. (US patent No. 6, 113, 495) in view of Official Notice. The Applicant respectfully traverses.

The Examiner rejected claim 26 under 35 USC 103(a) as being clearly anticipated by Walker et al. (US patent No. 6, 113, 495) in view Fraley. The Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claims 1-17, 19-43 and 53-55 have been amended to recite the limitation, "wherein one of the entertainment content sources is an electronic messaging service for allowing one or more of i) receiving via the gaming machine a first electronic message from a first person at a first gaming machine to a person at the gaming machine, ii) sending a second electronic message via the gaming machine to the first person at the first gaming machine from the person at the gaming machine or iii) combinations thereof." Electronic messaging between gaming machines is not taught or suggested in Walker. Walker does not describe a method for allowing a person on a first gaming machine to send or receive a message from a person on a second gaming machine. Further, this limitation is not taught by the combination of references, Walker, Windows, Fraley and Dabrowski cited by Examiner. Therefore, for at least these reasons, the references cited by the Examiner can't be said to render obvious claims 1-17 and 19-43 and 53-55.

Claim 49 has been amended to recite the limitation, "wherein one of the entertainment content sources is a locator service for allowing a person at the gaming machine to locate via the gaming machine a first person at a first gaming machine." A locator service is not taught or

suggested in Walker. For example, Walker does not describe a method that allows a person on the gaming machine to locate another person on another gaming machine. Further, this limitation is not taught by the combination of references, Walker, Windows®, Fraley and Dabrowski cited by Examiner. Therefore, for at least these reasons, the references cited by the Examiner can't be said to render obvious claims 49.

Claims 50-52 have been amended to recite the limitation, "wherein one of the entertainment content sources is a personal information service for allowing a person at the gaming machine to receive information that is of personal interest to the person wherein the information includes one or more of sports scores, news, e-mail or stock quotes." Sending information that is of personal interest to a player such as preferential sport scores, news, e-mails and stock quotes is not described in Walker. Walker does not describe a method for sending real-time and evolving information, such as sport scores, news, e-mail and stock quotes to the gaming machine. Although Walker describes tracking a player's premium content preferences, the premium content does not include up-to-date information such as news and sports scores that may be of interest to a player as well as apparatus/methods for transferring this information to the gaming machine. An advantage of the present invention is that it allows a player playing the gaming machine to keep track of other evolving events as they are playing the gaming machine, such as a score for a sporting event. In addition, this limitation is not taught by the combination of references, Walker, Windows, Fraley and Dabrowski cited by Examiner. Therefore, for at least these reasons, the references cited by the Examiner can't be said to render obvious claims 50-52.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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